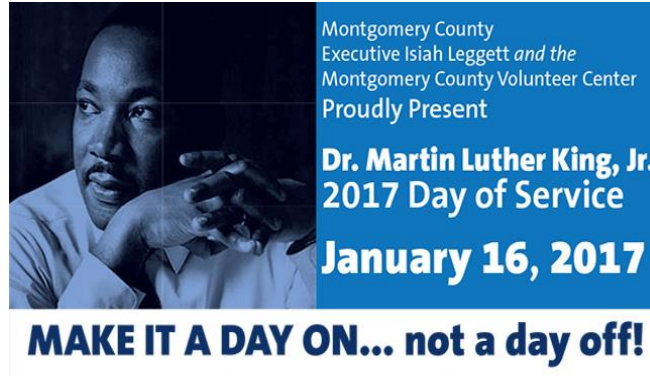




Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

January 13, 2017



Our Volunteer Center has again scheduled a full slate of service options for our **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday January 16**. Several of our MLK Day sites are already full, but there are still many open volunteer opportunities. Sign up at the Volunteer Center's website to volunteer on January 16 or at any time throughout the year - montgomeryserves.org.

Day of Service sites: montgomeryserves.org

Check out opportunities to volunteer in the parks at www.montgomeryparks.org/mlk or sign up to collect food for Manna this weekend at a local Giant Food store: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ea9ac22a7ff2-mlkjr>

And after you put in a few hours of service, please head over to Strathmore for our annual MLK Day Birthday Tribute and Celebration. [Click here for free ticket](#).

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, January 23 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Update on Recreation Opportunities

Guest: Elizabeth Ortega, Department of Recreation

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget Forums Presentation

(The 2018 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.)

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding a series of five budget forums in January to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Operating Budget priorities. Join the discussion at [#MontCoFY18budgetforum](#). To see the slide presentation, go to [Presentation Slide](#).

The remaining forums are:

- [January 11, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center](#)
- [January 18, Mid-County Community Recreation Center](#)
- [January 25, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 30, BlackRock Center for the Arts](#)

Come out and ask questions of the Executive and share your ideas for the upcoming budget!



Live Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett

Wednesday, January 18 1:00pm – 2:00pm

[Submit Your Question](#)

Maryland General Assembly's 2017 Legislative Session Convened on January 11

For information about the Session and upcoming bills, visit our county delegation's website at www.montgomerycountydelegation.com.

The County Council returns from break on January 17, 2017.

For information about the Montgomery County Council, proposed legislation, and to view live Council sessions, visit the Council's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

You can still register!

The 100 Mile Challenge!

- The challenge starts on **Thursday, January 26, 2017 and runs for 100 days**, concluding on May 5, 2017, culminating in a Wellness and Fitness Festival on May 6, 2017.
- Register online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org, activity no. 26595.
- [Challenge Information Flyer](#) | [Challenge Brochure](#) | [Dog Tracking Log](#) | [Participant Tracking Log](#)
- For more information, visit [Recreation website](#).



Montgomery County Public Libraries will host its First Comic Convention, “MoComCon”
Saturday, January 21 12:00n-4:00pm
Silver Spring Library
900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring

This event is open and accessible to all, including seasoned comic conventioners, novices, and the curious of all ages. The event will include a variety of panels, workshops, programs, displays, exhibitors and cosplay opportunities — all free of charge. Events include:

- Dalek Drawbots with FutureMakers for children;
- Comic Drawing with William Jones for children and teens;
- Comic Critiques with Megan Lavey-Heaton for teens and adults;
- Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy and Getting Published with Don Sakers;
- Panels: Diversity in Comics and Graphic Novels, Gaming and Society and The Creative Process; and
- Cosplay contest with prizes for children, teens, and adults. Cosplay is a costume event where participants dress in character.

No weapons, including replica and costume pieces, will be allowed inside of the event.

More details about the event, including workshop schedules and rules and the cosplay contest guidelines, will be posted on the MoComCon website: <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/mocomcon/>. Registration for specific MoComCon activities and the cosplay contest will begin on-site at the Silver Spring branch at 11:00am.

MCPL branches will host themed lead-up events throughout January. A complete list of lead-up events can be found on MCPL’s Calendar of Events: [Explore the Calendar of Events](#).

To request a sign language interpreter or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, email MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov, preferably with three business days’ notice.

To request other accommodations, or for more information about the program contact Virtual Services at 240-777-0027 or Lennea.bower@montgomerycountymd.gov.

MoCo Public Libraries & Gandhi Brigade Youth Media Offer Teens Opportunities
in Video Production and Graphic Design

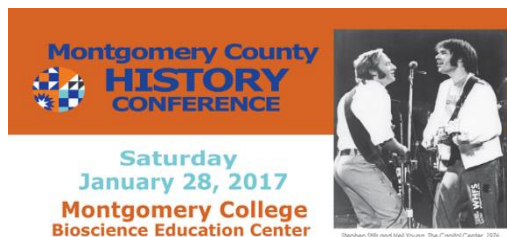
Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) is partnering with the Gandhi Brigade Youth Media to offer teens two unique opportunities to learn the fundamentals of video production and graphic design. The free 12-week programs are available to high school students in grades 9 through 12.

For the schedule and list of locations, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18689

Early [registration](#) is encouraged as these programs are expected to fill quickly. For more information, call Mary Ellen Icaza at 240-777-0006.

January is National Radon Action Month; County Residents Are Encouraged to Test their
Homes for Radon, the Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18688



Montgomery County History Conference
Saturday, January 28 8:30am-4:30pm
Montgomery College – Germantown Campus
Bioscience Education Center, HT230
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

[Registration is now open.](#)

For details, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/montgomery-county-2017-history-conference-registration-29451940547> or contact Amy Baker at abaker@montgomeryhistory.org with any questions.

37th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing
Sunday, January 29 12:30pm-6:00pm
The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg. II
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland
(doors open at 11:30am)

The Annual Women's Legislative Briefing informs Marylanders about legislative proposals of specific concern to women. The theme this year is: New Visions, New Voices, Building our Future Together.

For more information on the speakers and breakout sessions, and to register, click [here](#).

Live Healthy – Health, Dental and Prescription Discounts for County Residents

Since 2004, Montgomery County has been partnering with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to provide FREE prescription discount cards and residents have saved more than \$32 million since the Montgomery RX program began. We have now joined NACo's Live Healthy program—and joined dozens of other communities across the U.S. in helping our residents save money on the cost of dental and health care services. The Live Healthy program continues to provide FREE prescription discount cards and has added a low-fee Dental Discount program that provides discounts on check-ups, cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals and more. The low-fee Health Discount program provides discounts on vision services, hearing aids and screenings, diabetes supplies and more.

To learn more, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/live-healthy.html> or pick up information at your local library, recreation center or senior center. You can also visit www.naco.org/health or call toll-free at 1-888-407-6226.



Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Smith, College President Pollard to host 5 forums on Education Priorities starting Feb. 15

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard will host a series of five public forums starting Feb. 15 to provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. This is the third year County education leaders are conducting a Countywide tour to address the school budget process.

The forums will address how budget priorities are established by the Board of Education, the County Executive and the County Council—all of whom work toward crafting the MCPS and Montgomery College annual operating budgets. At the forums, subjects will include what the school system and college are doing to prepare for Fiscal Year 2018. The forums also talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt the FY18 budget. The County Council in May will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

All forums will be held from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The schedule for the forums is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 15: Northwest High School (in the cafeteria). 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown.
- Wednesday, March 8: Montgomery Blair (cafeteria). 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring.
- Wednesday, March 15: Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus (Catherine F. Scott Building, also known as the CM Building, Room 211). 7600 Takoma Ave., Takoma Park.
- Wednesday, March 22: Walter Johnson High School (cafeteria). 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda.
- Wednesday, March 29: Richard Montgomery High School (cafeteria). 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville.

For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Animal Services Officers Enforcing Anti-Cruelty Conditions for Dogs Law; No Unattended Outdoor Tethering of Dogs during Very Cold Weather

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18674

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>